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TITLE : COSMETIC

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: A cosmetic, containing an extract component prepared by extracting the root of *Salvia miltiorrhiza* Bunge, etc. as an active constituent, having improved skin beautifying effect and beautifying and whitening effect and humectant effect and capable of producing effect, e.g. tension, gloss, smoothness, etc. of the skin by using in cream, toilet water, etc.

CONSTITUTION: A cosmetic containing an extract component prepared by extracting the dried root of *Salvia miltiorrhiza* Bunge or *Salvia przewalskii* Maxim. var. *mandarinorum* Stib. as an active constituent. The *Salvia miltiorrhiza* Bunge or *Salvia przewalskii* Maxim. var. *mandarinorum* Stib. is a perennial plant belonging to the genus *Labiatae*. The extract thereof is obtained by cutting the dried root of the *Salvia miltiorrhiza* Bunge or *Salvia przewalskii* Maxim. var. *mandarinorum* Stib. to fragments having ≤ 2 cm thickness or powder with a cutter, and extracting the resultant fragments or powder with an organic solvent, e.g. ethyl acetate or acetone, and/or water. In using as a cosmetic, a water-soluble high polymer, e.g. polypeptide or casein, is preferably further incorporated with the above-mentioned active constituent, because the percutaneous absorption is increased. The amount of the active constituent to be incorporated is preferably 0.1~5wt%.

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